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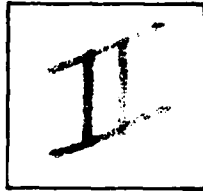
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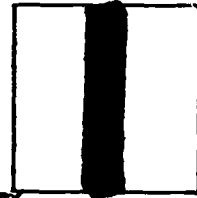
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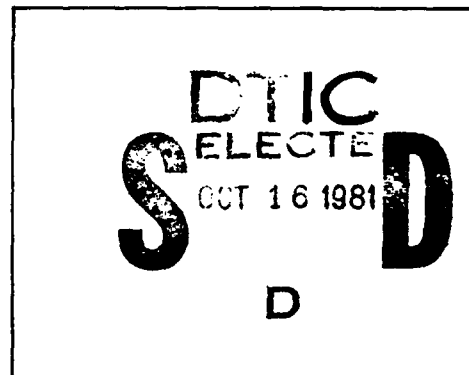
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Based on the results of the experiment, it was determined that searching by free text is a viable retrieval technique in the management databases that will provide searchers with an additional enhancement that can be used to augment DTIC's present retrieval methods.

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PREFACE

Experimentation in the Defense RDT&E On-Line System (DROLS) with free text searching extends back to December 1979 when preliminary testing was conducted in the Technical Reports Data Base (TR). Once the capability was explored in the TR system, it was decided to apply and test the technique on the Research and Development Program Planning Data Base (R&DPP), the Research and Technology Work Unit Information System Data Base (WUIS), and the Independent Research and Development Data Base (IR&D). These data bases provide technical and fiscal information about Department of Defense related R&D programs, so within DTIC, they are generally referred to as the management data bases.

The Directorate of Data Systems in cooperation with the Office of Information Science and Technology implemented and tested free text searching in the management data bases. This report was prepared in an effort to describe the implementation of free text and the test results.

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INTRODUCTION

In an effort to upgrade technical information services to the Defense research and development community, the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) initiated a project to study other DoD, federal and commercial on-line systems capabilities during 1979. One of the common capabilities among the systems evaluated was the ability to retrieve information via free text terms. The idea that free text searching is an important feature to be considered in requirements for future systems is supported in Information Retrieval On-Line by Lancaster & Fayen.^{1/}

Future systems should be oriented toward natural language (e.g., of abstracts) rather than controlled vocabularies. Specialized information systems will require the specificity of natural language, and the full interactive, browsing capabilities of such systems will be exploited more efficiently if they include relatively substantial portions of natural language text. For the practitioners in a field, natural language is almost essential. We cannot expect such users to learn the nuances and idiosyncracies of a large controlled vocabulary based on years of indexing practice and protocol. In addition to being highly desirable, natural language systems are becoming increasingly feasible because of the increasing availability of machine-readable data bases as by-products of other operations, and because of the fact that digital storage costs are coming down and are likely to come down much further with the development of mass storage devices of various types.

During 1980 through 1981 the Office of Data Systems in cooperation with Office of Information Science and Technology developed the capability of free text searching in the Defense RDT&E On-line System (DROLS). The purpose of this paper is to describe the implementation and testing of free text searching in the management data bases.

1. F.W. Lancaster and E.G. Fayen, Information Retrieval On-line (Los Angeles, California: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1973), p. 413.

"Free text searching" for the DTIC experiment is defined as: single terms or words that have been extracted from narrative portions of the data base that can be retrieved directly from the inverted file. In other online systems, such as the National Library of Medicine/MEDLARS or the Systems Development Corporation/ORBIT[™], "free text" may be referred to as full text, natural language, text words, or uncontrolled terms. The information community has not yet chosen a standard, so for purposes of this paper the phrase "free text" will be employed.

BACKGROUND

Searching by free text is very similar to searching by descriptors or open-ended terms. Conceptual analysis, or breaking the search question into concepts, is required. The major difference between controlled vocabulary searching and free text searching is the searcher must decide which of the variant text words are likely to distinguish relevant documents from irrelevant ones. In some ways free text searching is more difficult than controlled vocabulary searching because much of the burden of term selection is placed on the searcher; however, it offers a number of benefits which otherwise would not be realized. For instance, it is possible to look for documents with individual personal or product names. "Planck constant", "maxwell's rule", or "Pratt and Whitney" are examples of searches that would be easily handled by free text. It is also possible to reduce a search to a smaller number of elements than in a controlled vocabulary search. For example the free text term "clams" instead of the descriptor "shellfish" is a much narrower concept; therefore, a smaller portion of the file must be reviewed.^{2/}

For further clarification on the capabilities of free text searching, see the text word searching rules in appendix A.

Preliminary testing was conducted with the Technical Reports Data Base. Based on frequency counts and retrieval experience gained during the preliminary tests, a DTIC stopword list and free text searching rules were developed. (See appendix A and appendix B.) For further information on the Technical Reports test see DTIC Free Text Experiment - Technical Reports File.^{3/}

The free text programs were changed to process text for each of the management data bases and the on-line system programs were modified by adding a new role code (60) so free text terms could be isolated from other inverted file terminology. To retrieve free text terms the role code must be used; that is, they are left out of the search unless

2. F.W. Lancaster, Information Retrieval Systems (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1979), pp. 279-292.

3. J.L. Carney et al., DTIC Free Text Experiment - Technical Reports File (Alexandria, Va.: Defense Technical Information Center, 1981), pp. 1-7.

specifically requested. Once these modifications were made, free text searching was implemented consecutively in each of the management data bases: Research and Technology Work Unit, Research and Development Program Planning, and Independent Research and Development.

EVALUATION AREAS

There were four questions that were of concern while implementing free text searching in the management data bases:

- 1) How will relevance of retrieval be affected by free text?
- 2) Will the number of records retrieved be significantly larger?
- 3) How much larger will the management data base inverted files be?
- 4) How will computer response time be affected by the larger free text inverted files?

Each of the questions will be discussed separately in the results section.

TEST CONSTRUCTION

To test free text searching in the management data bases, 29 descriptors from the DTIC Retrieval and Indexing Terminology (DRIT)⁴ were randomly selected and converted to a free text searching format. For example, the index term RADAR CAMOUFLAGE would be searched in the free text format as well as the descriptor format:

Descriptor Strategy

@SWU@	(COMMAND)
RADAR CAMOUFLAGE	(DESCRIPTOR)
END	(COMMAND TERMINATOR)

Free Text Strategy

@SWU@	(COMMAND)
?6ORADAR	(ROLE CODE and SEARCH TERM)
AND	(BOOLEAN OPERATOR)
?6OCAMOUFLAGE	(ROLE CODE and SEARCH TERM)
END	(COMMAND TERMINATOR)

4. U.S., Department of Defense, Defense Technical Information Center, DTIC Retrieval and Indexing Terminology: Posting Terms with Hierarchy and KWOC (AD-A068-500), May 1979.

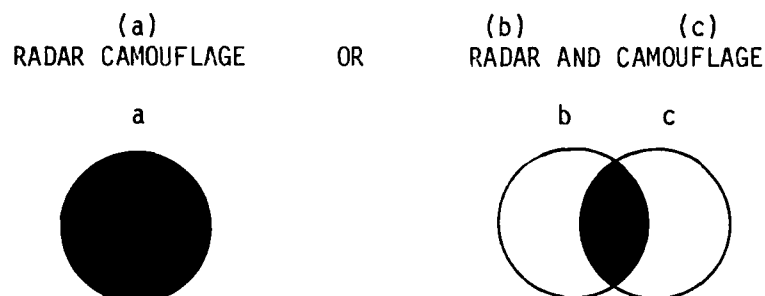
In addition, a comprehensive search strategy was constructed that would retrieve descriptors as well as free text terms.

Combination Strategy

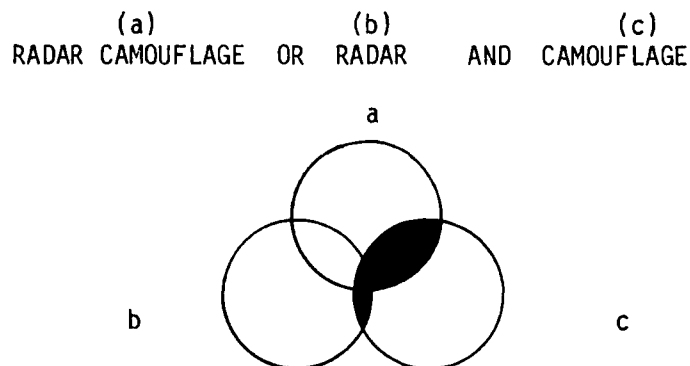
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AND	(BOOLEAN OPERATOR)
RADAR CAMOUFLAGE	(DESCRIPTOR)
?6OCAMOUFLAGE	(ROLE CODE and SEARCH TERM)
END	(COMMAND TERMINATOR)

It should be noted that the descriptor appears on each level because DROLS does not allow the use of parenthesis in its Boolean logic. Putting descriptors on each level is a forced "OR" condition.

The following venn diagrams will clarify the logic. For searching the concept RADAR CAMOUFLAGE both the descriptor and the free text terms are of interest. We want to retrieve the descriptor and the conjunction of text words RADAR and CAMOUFLAGE.



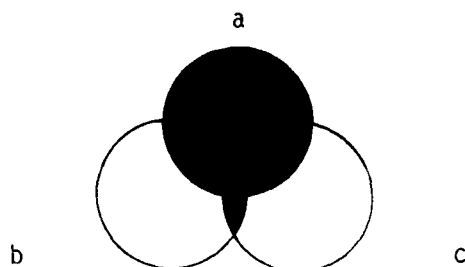
Without the parentheses the results would be:



because the "OR" operation is done first using Boolean logic.

Using parentheses would allow the searcher to signal which operation is to take precedence.

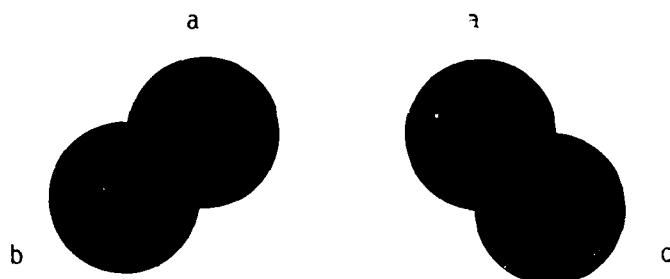
(a) RADAR CAMOUFLAGE OR (b) (RADAR AND CAMOUFLAGE) (c)



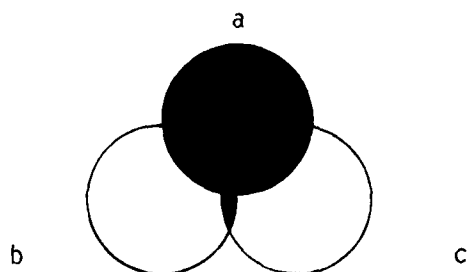
The "AND" operation is done before the "OR" operation.

To achieve the same results using DROLS logic the descriptor must be combined with each of the free text term by a Boolean "OR".

(a) RADAR CAMOUFLAGE OR (b) RADAR AND (a) RADAR CAMOUFLAGE OR (c) CAMOUFLAGE



Combined



The or operations are done first, and then the results are combined.

Once the three types of search strategies (descriptor, free text, and combined) were constructed, they were run against the three management data bases and statistics were collected. For purposes of this paper, discussion of the results will be generally limited to the Work Unit Information System. The Work Unit system is the largest of the management data bases and it is felt to be representative of the others.

The test searches were run periodically between April 22 and June 23, 1981 in order to test free text searching during a variety of conditions. The chart in appendix C gives a listing of Work Unit search dates and under what conditions the tests were conducted.

RESULTS

HOW MUCH LARGER WILL THE MANAGEMENT DATA BASE INVERTED FILES BE?

The following table lists the number of disk tracks that the management data bases occupied prior to the implementation of free text searching and the number they now occupy. It should be noted that file updates may have occurred during the test period and could have an effect on the file size.

INVERTED FILE SIZES

	March 25, 1981 (before text inversion)	June 24, 1981 (after text inversion)	*Projection
Work Unit	6,399	13,969	12,399
Program Planning	1,151	3,968	2,301
Independent Research	<u>1,555</u>	<u>4,736</u>	<u>2,905</u>
Totals	9,105	22,400	17,605

Number of tracks per disk pack are approximately 19,000.

The new inverted files are much larger than the previous ones. For comparison, the old files resided on 9,105 disk tracks or less than half a disk pack and the new free text files reside on 22,400 disk tracks or just over one disk pack. Projections had been made for the management data base file sizes in January 1981 based on the Technical Reports experimentation. (See appendix D.) These estimates were just under the actual implementation inverted file sizes. The narrative portions of the management data bases are slightly longer than the technical report title and abstract; consequently, their estimated file sizes were a little conservative.

* Projection based on Technical Reports experiment. See appendix D.

HOW WILL COMPUTER RESPONSE TIME BE AFFECTED WITH THE LARGER INVERTED FILES?

Each of the 29 Work Unit Information System test searches was run 15 times under a variety of conditions. For each search the computer time was noted. (See appendix E.)

Each run of the searches was characterized by two parameters - type of search (combined, descriptor, or free text) and the operating condition under which the search was conducted (normal search in the online system with normal searching background prior to free text inversion = N, test system search in the test online system with a two terminal searching background and the free text terms were included = T, or normal search in the online system with normal searching background and free text terms were included = P). The computer times are cumulated and averaged at the bottom of the chart. The cumulated times are graphed for comparison in appendix f. It was expected that the Test (T) searches would take less time than the Production (P) searches. The online system was handling a normal workload during the production phase and only one or two terminals during the test phase of implementation. (For search dates refer to appendix c.) The run labeled "RUS", to the far right in appendix E, is an extra free text run that had a date range added to limit the search results. It has been included here to show how an additional boolean operator can add to the computer time.

The conclusion that can be drawn from appendix F is that it takes significantly more computer time to search with free text terms. There are several reasons for the longer time:

- a. There are more documents retrieved; therefore, the computer has more information to manipulate. (The next section will explore this in more detail.)
- b. In free text searching, a number of boolean operators must be used to equate a single level search or a multi-word descriptor. Combining two free text words will take the computer longer to perform than the table look up for a descriptor.
- c. The masking or truncation capability is used more frequently in free text searching and requires more computer time.
- d. For a comprehensive search the descriptors must be added on each boolean level. This requires additional time for the computer to merge the results.

WILL THE NUMBER OF RECORDS RETRIEVED BE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER?

As each test search was completed the number of documents retrieved was noted. (See appendix G.) The structure of the chart is the same as described above in the computer response time section. The number of documents retrieved per search run are graphed for comparison in appendix H. The slight variation among groups is due to file updates. As can be seen in the graph, free text searching gives over a 100 percent increase in recall for the combined searches.

HOW WILL RELEVANCE OF RETRIEVAL USING FREE TEXT BE AFFECTED?

To gather documents for relevance review, a free text search was conducted with a date range added to limit search results. These searches are labeled "RUS" on the previous charts. The results were ordered for 20 searches and ten documents of each were examined for relevance.

There are many problems with using relevance as an evaluation criteria. Relevance judgments are subjective and therefore people will disagree. Many authors have faced this problem and Donald W. King addressed it in the 1968 Annual Review of Information Science & Technology.

The reports also reveal the hazards of using relevance assessments blindly. The prescriptions are given for avoiding such pitfalls, however, and one must conclude that since relevance is a concept that cannot be avoided, it must be used. However, it is comforting to know that one can now properly feel nervous in using it.^{5/}

For purposes of this study documents were judged in one of three categories, relevant, marginally relevant, or not relevant, based on the following criteria.

- A. Documents which could relate to the topic directly or from which the answer could be inferred.
- B. Documents which directly related to the topic.
- C. Documents which contained ideas or facts that could be useful in considering the topic.

The subject, the document numbers, and relevance standing for each of the twenty searches are listed in appendix I. In addition, the documents are noted under the column labeled "match" if it would have fallen in a descriptor search. The results are summarized under comments.

The free text relevance judgments are plotted in appendix J for comparison. The first column represents the cumulative total of the 200 documents reviewed. If the 20 searches had been conducted by descriptors alone only 23 percent of the documents would have been retrieved.

5. D.W. King, "Design & Evaluation of Information Systems" in Annual Review of Information Science & Technology, vol. 3, C. Cuadra, ed., (Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1968), pp. 61-103.

The more important question of relevance is plotted in the next three columns. For the 200 documents retrieved: 56.5 percent were judged relevant, 26.5 percent were judged marginally relevant, and 17 percent were judged not relevant. Descriptor recall, for the 200 test documents, is plotted on top of the free text results. For the documents judged to be relevant only 20 percent would have been retrieved using descriptors only. It should be noted that the high rate of false drops in the not relevant column was for the most part due to search construction problems. Searcher experience can significantly reduce the false drop rate.

CONCLUSIONS

Free text searching has been very successful in the DROLS management data bases. It had been feared that the much larger inverted files would seriously affect response time. In appendix E, the search labeled "WHI" was run after free text had been implemented in all the management data bases, and the new feature had been made available to the entire online community. The response time for this search, as compared to the other combined searches, took no longer. The background of larger inverted files and normal use seems to have little effect on the computer response time. While a combined search takes longer than a descriptor search, it makes very little difference to the user who does not wish to retrieve free text terms.

The primary advantage of using free text searching is access to relevant documents that have been previously impossible or difficult to locate. As searchers gain experience in the use of free text searching, results can be limited to a much more relevant set of documents than has been possible. This study did not use the string searching (text search) capability that has been available to DROLS users for some time, however, the combination of free text inverted file searching and string searching of the direct file can greatly narrow results to a few highly relevant documents. It should be noted that some relevant documents may be missed using the combined methods, because authors may not use the precise phrases the searcher selects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

That the free text searching capability be maintained in the management data bases after the six month trial period.

That the user community be carefully trained to take advantage of the benefits and to avoid the pitfalls of free text searching.

That the free text searching capability be expanded to the Technical Reports Data Base if the mass storage is available.

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Appendix A

TEXT WORD SEARCHING IN THE MANAGEMENT DATA BASES

INTRODUCTION

The Text Word Searching capability allows the user to directly search for those records in the management data base inverted files containing specific words or phrases.

VOCABULARY

1. All single words from the title and narrative fields are posted to the inverted file (except stop words). All the words following the example narrative will be posted to the inverted file.

EXAMPLE:

This paper proposed a waveform-agile radar, analyzes the signal-processing required, and describes the state of the art of two new acusto-electric devices needed for the agile radar: the memory correlator (Model R-10), which provides electronically programmable matched filtering of individual pulses, and the coherent integrator, which is being developed to provide electronically programmable doppler processing. The electronic programmability of these compact wideband analog devices gives them unique functional capabilities which may allow future tactical systems to achieve electronic counter measure resistance and low probability of intercept by facilitating the use of continually changing wideband waveforms.

10	electronic	processing
achieve	electronically	programmability
acusto	facilitating	programmable
agile	filtering	proposes
allow	functional	pulses
analog	future	r
analyzes	gives	radar
art	individual	resistance
capabilities	integrator	signal
changing	intercept	state
coherent	low	systems
compact	matched	tactical
continually	measure	them
correlator	memory	two
counter	model	unique
developed	needed	waveform
devices	new	waveforms
doppler	paper	wideband
electric	probability	

2. All stop words are deleted from the narrative. Attachment 1 is the stop word list composed and used by DTIC.

Appendix A (cont.)

3. Text words allow the searcher to find highly relevant summaries if used properly. Do not search text words for dogs or dog if you are looking for summaries on German Shepherds. Use the specific terminology German and Shepherds.

4. Highly posted terms should never be used as the first search term in your search strategy. Helicopters and Design is more efficient than Design and Helicopters because design is a very highly posted term and the computer has fewer items to examine if the smaller term Helicopters is used first.

5. When using the text searching capability, some terms may result in finds of more than the 25,000 limit. Use of accession number ranging would eliminate the problem of an incomplete search.

TEXT WORD SEARCH STRATEGY FORMULATION

1. Text words are searched using role code 60. Text words will be excluded in normal subject searches.

EXAMPLE:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS will retrieve everything but text words

?60TELECOMMUNICATIONS will retrieve only text words

2. The maximum length of a text word search term is 60 characters.

3. Text words may be truncated to pick up any words with the same word root. This option should be used carefully to guard against too many false finds.

EXAMPLE:

?60%DOG will retrieve dog and dogs along with dogmatic, dogma, etc.

4. Blanks and special characters are term separators. All special characters are treated as blanks. There are no exceptions.

EXAMPLES:

Narrative Phrase

2, 4-D
AN/800-1
F-15
TF30-P-3
Cobalt-Alloyed Silicon
1,000 Ton Trucks

Search Terms

2 and 4 and D
800 and 1 (AN is a stop word)
F and 15
TF30 and P and 3
Cobalt and Alloyed and Silicon
1 and 000 and Ton and Trucks

Appendix A (cont.)

5. Alphanumerics, Chemical Terminology, and Proper Names can be searched as text words.

EXAMPLES:

Alphanumerics - M-16, F-16, 45mm (The dash is a special character and is treated as a blank.)

Chemical Terminology - Tetracycline, Acetylsalicylic Acid, H₂SO₄
(See Verbalizing for Machinability Rules,
Attachment 2.)

Proper Names - Laplace Transform, Einstein Equations, Hodgkins Disease
(When used in the search- Laplace and Transform,
Einstein and Equations, Hodgkins and Disease.)

6. Variant spellings and word forms should be considered during search strategy formulation.

EXAMPLES:

Spellings - Color, Colour, Programmer, Programer

Forms - Mine, Mines, Mined, Mining

7. Synonyms should be considered during search strategy formulation.

EXAMPLE:

Marijuana, Marihuana, Pot, Grass, Weed, Mary Jane

8. Foreign spellings should be considered during search strategy formulation.

EXAMPLE:

Radiatsii (Russian), Radiation (French), Strahlung (German),
Strating (Dutch)

9. Common misspellings should be considered during a comprehensive search strategy formulation.

EXAMPLE:

Retrieval, Retreival

Appendix A (cont.)

10. Text word searching may be used in conjunction with Text Title and Narrative searching. The text word search narrows the search to summaries which contain the specific words to be searched.

EXAMPLE: A search for summaries on Solar Collectors

Inverted File Search for Specific Terms

@SWU@	- Data Base Command
?60SOLAR	- Text Word Role Code and Term
AND	- Boolean operator
?60COLLECTOR	- Text Word Role Code and Term
?60COLLECTORS	- Text Word Role Code and Term
END	- Search terminator

Text Search (Qualification)

@SRTAB@	- Scan Title and Narrative Command
SOLAR COLLECTOR	- Text string to be searched.
SOLAR COLLECTORS	- Text string to be searched.
END	- Search terminator

To display the results, use the Display Qualified Results Command, @DQR@.

Appendix A (cont.) VERBALIZING FOR MACHINABILITY

The following symbols may be used in abstracts, annotations and titles:

. , : ; ' / * \$ % () - + = < > & ?
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(Arrows indicate upper and lower shift characters.)

The following symbols may be used in indexing terms:

. / () -

ACCENTS/DIACRITICAL MARKS

Omit except in the following cases:

ä	is replaced by	ae	} Germanic languages
ö	is replaced by	oe	
ü	is replaced by	ue	
ø	is replaced by	oe	

ANGSTROM UNITS (Å)

Use A

CHEMICALS

H₂SO₄ use H2SO4

→ use yields

See also PRIMES, SUBSCRIPTS, SUPERSCRIPITS

CUBIC

cm³ use cu cm or cc

ft³ use cu ft

m³ use cu m

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or	
x^{-3}	

See also EXPONENTS

DEGREES

Angles: 60°30'15" use 60 deg 30 min 15 sec

Latitude/Longitude: Add N, S, E, or W at end of expression.

60°30'15" N use 60 deg 30 min 15 sec N

Temperature: 60° C use 60 C

60° F use 60 F

60° K use 60 K

DIACRITICAL MARKS

See ACCENTS/DIACRITICAL MARKS

EXPONENTS

x⁽ⁿ⁻¹⁾ use x to the (n-1) power

ft sec⁻¹ use ft/sec

When the exponent is less than 7 and has the base 10, write out the number; e.g.,

10² use 100

10⁻⁴ use 0.0001

2.75 x 10⁻³ use 0.00275

When the base is 10 and the exponent is 7 or more, write out; e.g.,

10⁷ use 10 to the 7th power

10⁻⁹ use 10 to the minus 9th power

See also CUBIC, SQUARE, SUPERSCRIPITS

FRACTIONS

Use the slash (virgule) for the fraction bar; e.g.,

$x = \frac{a-b}{c}$ use x=(a-b)/c

$x = a - \frac{b}{c}$ use x=a - (b/c)

GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO (≥)

Use > or =

GREEK LETTERS

Use their names; e.g.,

α use alpha

β use beta

μ use mu, micro, or micron as applicable

π use pi

See also SPECIAL SYMBOLS

ITALICS

Do not use; see also UNDERSCORING

LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO (≤)

Use < or =

LOGARITHMS

log₁₀ use log

log_e use ln (alpha "l" not digit "1")

MICRO- or MICROMICRO-

μl use microliters

μs use microsecs

μv use microvolts

μμf use micromicrofarads or picofarads

MICRONS

μ use micron(s) when applicable

mμ use millimicron(s)

μm use micrometer(s) or micron(s)

μμ use micromicron(s) or picometer(s)

um use micrometer(s) or micron(s) when applicable

PLUS OR MINUS (±)

Use + or -

PRIMES (')

Use repeating apostrophe

2,2',2''-terpyridyl use 2,2',2'''-terpyridyl

a''' (a triple prime) use a''''

QUOTATION MARKS (")

Use the apostrophe or single quote only.

Where quotation marks are conventionally used as a symbol, abbreviate; e.g.,

12" use 12 in.

5"/54-cal guns use 5-in./54-cal guns

45" use 45 sec

See also DEGREES, PRIMES

SPECIAL SYMBOLS

\approx } use approx. =

\rightarrow { use yields (chemistry)
use approaches limit of (mathematics)

\uparrow K use K

use number

∞ use infinity

λ { use wavelength (electronics and physics)
use lambda (all other)

ω { use ohm (electricity and electronics)
use omega (all other)

ϕ { use phase (electricity and electronics)
use phi (all other)

Similarly, spell out or show by acceptable alphanumeric characters increment, varies as, therefore, differential of, variation of, integral, sum, benzene ring, thunderstorm, male, female, fixed star, etc.

SQUARE

cm² use sq cm

ft² use sq ft

m² use sq m

$\frac{1}{x^2}$ } use 1/(x squared)

See also EXPONENTS

SQUARE ROOT

$\sqrt{a \cdot b}$ } use square root of (a · b)
(a · b)^{1/2}

SUBSCRIPTS

P_H use P sub H

V₂ use V sub 2

B₅ use B (omit the 5, which is the atomic number of boron)

C₁₄ use C14 if it is the isotope of carbon

See also CHEMICALS, SUPERSCRIPTS

SUPERSCRIPTS

¹⁴C use C14

H⁺ use H (+)

SO₄⁻ use SO4 (-)

V⁵⁺ use V (5+)

U²³⁴ use U234

B¹⁰ use B10

O^{16(p,n)}N¹⁵ use O18(p,n)N15

d₂₃²⁵ use density at 23 deg F referred to water at 25 deg F

n_D²⁰ use index of refraction for 20 deg F and sodium light

See also CUBIC, EXPONENTS, SQUARE

UMLAUT see ACCENT

UNDERSCORING

Do not use underscoring.

Escherichia coli use Escherichia coli

quasar use quasar

Appendix B

STOP WORD LIST

A	HAS	SFRD
AFTER	HAVE	SHOULD
ALSO	HOWEVER	SHOWN
AN		SIGNIFICANT
AND	IF	SOME
ANY	IN	SRD
ARE	INCLUDED	STUDIES
AS	INTO	SUCH
AT	INVESTIGATED	
AUTHOR	IS	TESTED
AVAILABLE	IT	THAN
	ITS	THAT
BE		THE
BEEN	MADE	THEIR
BEING	MAY	THERE
BETWEEN	MORE	THESE
BOTH	MOST	THEY
BUT		THIS
BY	NO	THOSE
	NOT	THROUGH
C		TO
CAN	OBTAINED	TYPES
CFRD	OF	
CONDUCTED	ON	U
CONSIDERED	ONLY	UNDER
COULD	OR	UP
CRD	OTHER	USE
	OUT	USED
DESCRIBED		USING
DESCRIBES	PERFORMED	
DESIGNED	POSSIBLE	VARIOUS
DETERMINE	PRESENT	VERY
DETERMINED	PRESENTED	
DIFFERENT	PRESENTS	WAS
DISCUSSED	PROVIDE	WERE
DUE	PROVIDED	WELL
DURING	PROVIDES	WHEN
		WHERE
EACH	RELATED	WHICH
	REPORT	WHILE
FOR	REQUIRED	WILL
FOUND	RESULTS	WITH
FROM		WITHIN
FURTHER	S	WITHOUT
	SEE	WOULD
GENERAL	SELECTED	
GIVEN	SEVERAL	

Appendix C

SEARCH HISTORY

<u>Search Date</u>	<u>Color Code</u>	<u>Version</u>
April 22, 1981	Orange	Normal
	Purple	Normal
April 29, 1981	Red	Test
	Yellow	Test
	Green	Test
	Avocado	Test
	Black	Test
	Brown	Test
May 13, 1981	Pink	Production
	Light Blue	Production
	Silver	Production
	Rust	Production
May 14, 1981	Peach	Production
	Lavender	Production
	Green/brown	Production
Jun 23, 1981	White	Production

Normal = Online search prior to free text implementation.

Test = Test online system without normal user background.

Production = Online search after free text implementation with normal user background.

Appendix D

January 1981

TEXT WORD INVERTED FILE SIZE PROJECTIONS

About 15,000,000 words on the TR file were processed. This generated an inverted file of 3,960 tracks (containing only text words). The following predictions are made for DTIC data bases based on the TR sample.

TR	+27,000 tracks
WUIS	+ 6,000 tracks
RDPP	+ 1,150 tracks
IRD	+ 1,350 tracks

Note: One disk drive contains about 19,000 tracks.
These figures are based on data collected during the summer of 1980.

Appendix E

COMPUTER TIME

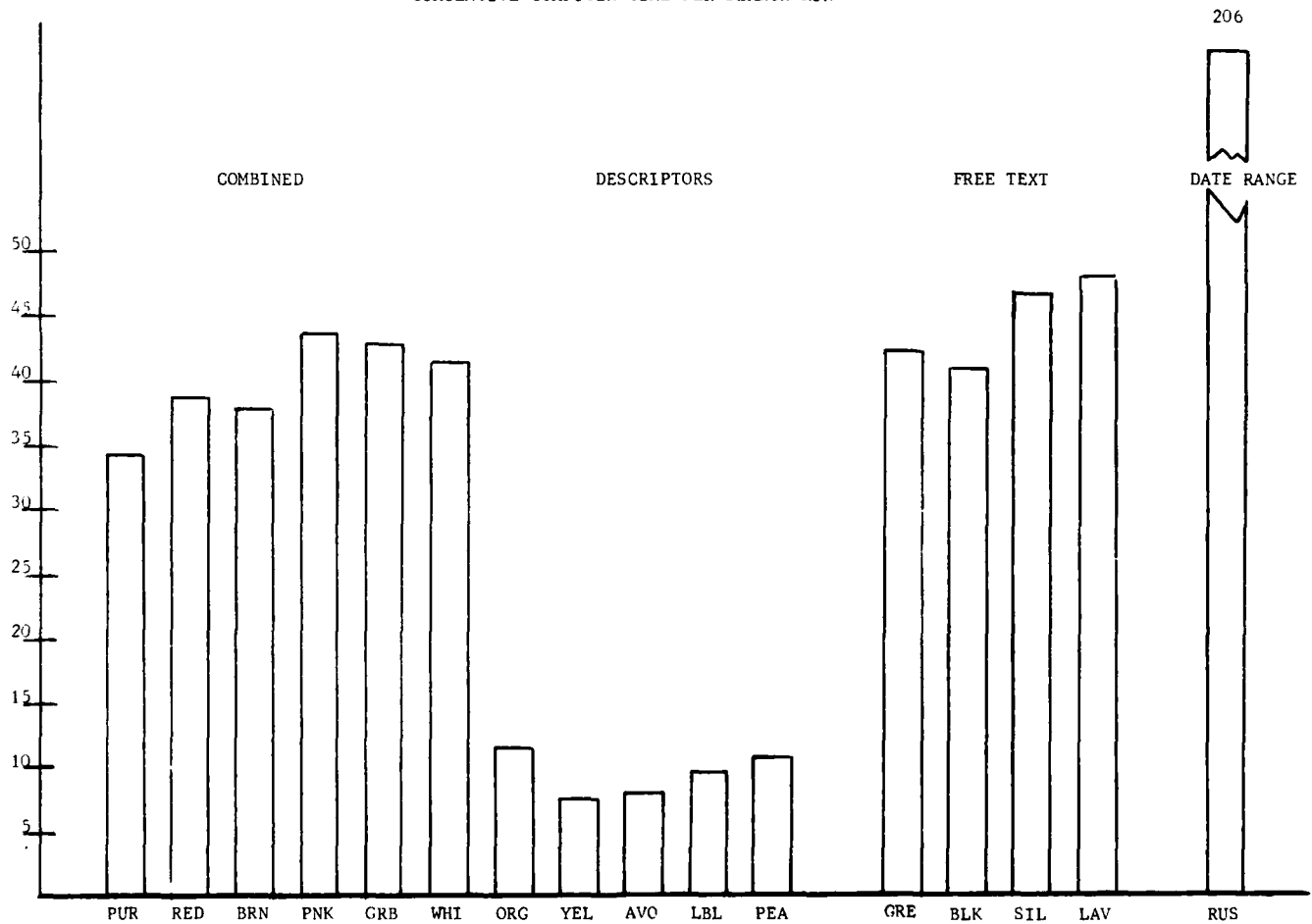
	COMBINED						DESCRIPTORS						FREE TEXT					
	N	T	T	P	P	P	N	T	T	P	P	T	T	P	P	P	P	P
(color code)	PUR	RED	BRN	PNK	GRB	WHI	ORG	YEL	AVO	LBL	PEA	GRE	BLK	SIL	LAV	RUS		
B BAND	2.8	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.6	.3	.2	.2	.2	.5	3.1	3.0	3.1	7.8	8.3		
CHROMATOGRAPHIC ANALYSES	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	7.2		
GAMMA RAY SCATTERING	1.3	.8	.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.0	7.9		
NAVAL PERSONNEL	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	.5	.4	.5	1.1	.5	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	7.4		
SOLAR DISTURBANCES	.8	.5	.5	.7	.7	.8	.3	.2	.2	.2	.5	.7	.5	.6	.7	5.9		
ARMY AIRCRAFT	1.1	2.8	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.1	.3	.2	.2	.2	.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.9	7.8		
RADAR CAMOUFLAGE	1.0	.9	.9	1.0	.9	1.0	.4	.2	.2	.2	.3	.7	.7	.8	.8	6.2		
F-15	1.0	2.6	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.2	.7	.5	.5	.3	.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	7.1		
AIR FILTERS	.8	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0	1.8	.5	.2	.2	.2	.2	4.4	3.9	4.6	4.2	12.2		
AIR TO SURFACE AND MISSILES	1.2	5.5	6.1	6.9	6.3	6.5	.4	.4	.6	.6	.5	6.6	5.7	7.7	5.7	19.1		
YAWMETERS	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3	.2	.3	.2	.2	.3	.3	.2	.2	.4	.2	---		
COLDWEATHER AND CLOTH	1.1	.9	.8	.9	.8	.9	.4	.3	.3	.4	.4	.6	.6	.8	.6	6.2		
SALT WATER	1.5	.7	.7	1.1	1.0	.8	.5	.2	.2	.2	.3	.6	.6	1.1	.7	6.7		
UNDERWATER NAVIGATION	.9	.7	.7	.8	1.0	.7	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.6	.5	.6	.6	3.8		
TWO DIMENSIONAL FLOW	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	.2	.2	.1	.2	.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	7.5		
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	1.2	.7	.7	.9	.8	.9	.5	.4	.4	.4	.6	.5	.5	.5	.5	6.0		
SUPERCONDUCT AND THIN FILMS	2.7	2.2	2.3	3.7	2.4	2.5	1.0	.5	.6	.6	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	6.7		
PACKET AND SWITCHING	.9	.8	.9	1.2	1.9	1.0	.4	.5	.5	.6	.6	.5	.5	.6	.7	5.6		
AERODYNAMIC CONFIGURATIONS	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	.3	.2	.3	.3	.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	6.9		
FUEL TANKS	.7	.7	.6	.7	1.0	.6	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	6.8		
ULTRASONIC WELDING	1.3	.4	.3	.6	.5	.4	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3	.3	.4	.4	5.5		
TURBOCHARGERS	.4	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1	.2	.2	.6	7.6		
SONAR SIGNALS	.7	.8	.8	.9	.8	.9	.4	.2	.2	.2	.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	8.4		
RESURPINE	.3	.2	.3	.3	.6	.3	.5	.1	.2	.3	.4	.2	.2	.2	.3	6.1		
SULFURIC ACID	.9	.5	.5	.5	.4	.5	.9	.2	.2	.2	.2	.4	.4	.4	.6	5.9		
PHOTOSENSITIVITY	.4	.3	.2	.5	.3	.5	.2	.1	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.4	.3	5.5		
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS	1.7	.9	.9	1.1	1.3	1.0	.5	.7	.2	.2	.2	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	8.9		
FUEL CONSUMPTION	1.0	.6	.7	.7	.6	.9	.2	.2	.2	.3	.2	.5	.4	.6	.5	6.3		
CHEMICAL WARFARE	.9	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.5	.3	.4	.2	.3	.2	.8	.9	1.0	.9	6.4		
TOTAL	33.6	38.3	37.7	43.3	42.2	41.0	11.2	7.3	7.8	9.2	11.5	41.9	40.5	46.4	47.8	205.9		
AVERAGE	1.158	1.320	1.300	1.493	1.455	1.413	.386	.251	.268	.317	.396	1.444	1.396	1.600	1.648	7.100		
				(*)	(*)	(*)				(*)	(*)			(*)	(*)	(**)		

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Appendix F

CUMULATIVE COMPUTER TIME PER SEARCH RUN



Appendix G
NUMBER OF HITS

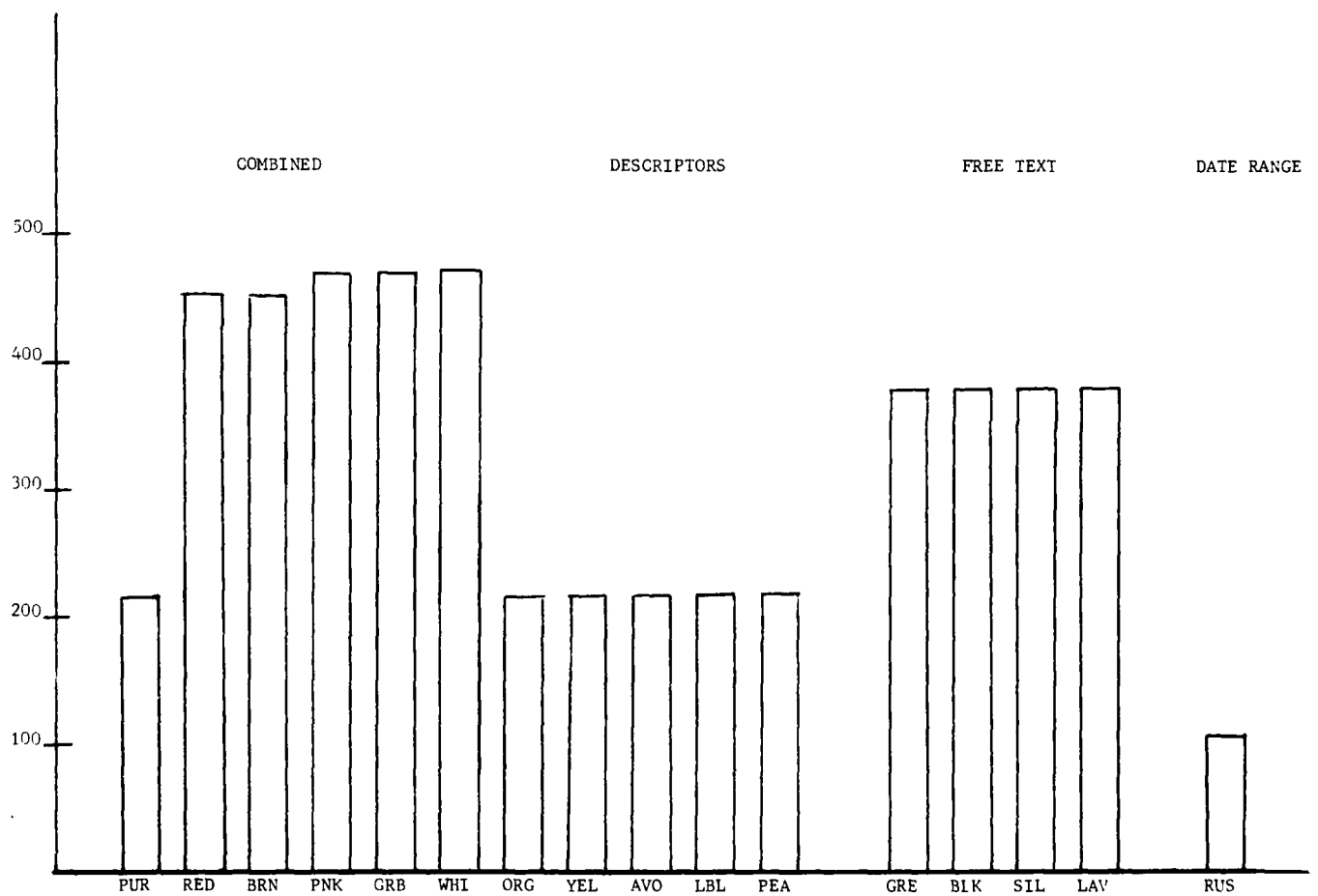
	COMBINED						DESCRIPTORS					FREE TEXT				
	N	T	T	P	P	P	N	T	T	P	P	T	T	P	P	P
(color code)	PUR	RED	BRN	PNK	GRB	WHI	ORG	YEL	AVO	LBL	PEA	GRE	BLK	SIL	LAV	RUS
B BAND	2	413	413	414	414	413	2	2	2	2	2	413	413	414	414	120
CHROMATOGRAPHIC ANALYSES	263	373	375	375	375	374	263	263	263	263	263	151	151	151	151	39
GAMMA RAY SCATTERING	22	64	64	64	64	65	22	22	22	22	22	81	81	81	81	6
NAVAL PERSONNEL	1964	3083	3083	3089	3089	3088	1964	1964	1964	1968	1968	1671	1671	1675	1675	414
SOLAR DISTURBANCES	134	274	274	274	274	274	134	134	134	134	134	224	224	224	224	58
ARMY AIRCRAFT	694	1614	1614	1615	1615	1622	694	694	694	695	695	1382	1382	1383	1383	322
RADAR CAMOUFLAGE	48	48	48	107	107	107	48	48	48	48	48	76	76	76	76	26
F-15	129	1042	1042	1043	1043	1043	129	129	129	127	127	1022	1022	1024	1024	308
AIR FILTERS	47	290	290	290	290	293	47	47	47	47	47	649	649	647	647	213
AIR TO SURFACE AND MISSILES	11	761	1105	1105	1105	1105	11	11	11	11	11	1060	1060	1058	1058	347
YAWMETERS	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	---
COLDWEATHER AND CLOTH	8	28	28	28	28	29	8	8	8	8	8	19	19	19	19	4
SALT WATER	58	298	298	298	298	301	58	58	58	58	58	274	274	274	274	57
UNDERWATER NAVIGATION	111	155	155	155	155	154	111	111	111	111	111	64	64	64	64	10
TWO DIMENSIONAL FLOW	238	746	746	746	746	747	238	238	238	238	238	621	621	621	621	195
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE	5	23	23	24	24	24	5	5	5	6	6	15	15	15	15	9
SUPERCONDUCT AND THIN FILMS	76	155	155	155	155	157	76	76	76	76	76	134	134	134	134	27
PACKET AND SWITCHING	8	28	28	28	28	28	8	8	8	8	8	22	22	22	22	11
AERODYNAMIC CONFIGURATIONS	792	1191	1191	1193	1193	1193	792	792	792	792	792	877	877	879	879	232
FUEL TANKS	340	469	469	471	471	474	340	340	340	340	340	546	546	546	546	196
ULTRASONIC WELDING	11	22	22	22	22	22	11	11	11	11	11	13	13	13	13	2
TURBOCHARGERS	4	7	7	7	7	7	4	4	4	4	4	9	9	9	9	5
SONAR SIGNALS	514	699	699	699	699	699	514	514	514	514	514	666	666	668	668	154
RESURPINE	10	16	16	16	16	16	10	10	10	10	10	12	12	12	12	6
SULFURIC ACID	36	90	90	90	90	90	36	36	36	36	36	71	71	71	71	23
PHOTOSENSITIVITY	121	134	134	134	134	134	121	121	121	121	121	22	22	22	22	2
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS	226	405	405	405	405	407	226	226	226	226	226	461	461	462	462	128
FUEL CONSUMPTION	195	293	293	293	293	293	195	195	195	195	195	183	183	183	183	58
CHEMICAL WARFARE	246	375	375	382	382	390	246	246	246	252	252	197	197	199	199	40
TOTAL	6315	13098	13098	13524	13524	13551	6315	6315	6315	6325	6325	10935	10935	10946	10946	3006
AVERAGE	217	451	451	466	466	467	217	217	217	218	218	377	377	377	377	103
				(*)	(*)	(*)				(*)	(*)			(*)	(*)	(**)

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Appendix H

AVERAGE NUMBER OF HITS



APPENDIX I

FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

B BAND	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DAOE8756			*		
DF091560			*		0 = R
DF098560			*		2 = MR
DF102060		*			8 = NR
DF105090			*		0 = Match
DF105660			*		
DF106120			*		Many false drops on this search because of paragraph or point headers. For example: (b) or B.
DF109340			*		
DF110380		*			
DF425401			*		

SALT WATER	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DN980143		*			
DAOG2115	*				3 = R
DAOG6301		*			7 = MR
DF320620		*		*	0 = NR
DF327510		*		*	2 = Match
DF906950		*			
DN123525		*			
DN594247	*				
DN675229		*			
DN675500	*				

UNDERWATER NAVIGAT:	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DN775448		*			
DN788021		*			3 = R
DN088001	*				4 = MR
DN088018	*			*	3 = NR
DN178106		*			1 = Match
DN188114		*			
DN223696			*		
DN888728			*		
DN989078			*		
DN996404	*				

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Match = Document would have been retrieved by descriptor or open-ended term.

APPENDIX I (cont)

FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

FUEL TANKS	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DF187070		*			
DF188580	*				9 = R
DF643510	*			*	1 = MR
DN782488	*			*	0 = NR
DA0B3658	*				6 = Match
DA0B4016	*			*	
DA0D3912	*			*	
DA0E3821	*				
DA0G0276	*			*	
DA0G0277	*			*	

SONAR SIGNALS	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DN675355	*			*	
DN775335	*				10 = R
DN775448	*				0 = MR
DN888567	*				0 = NR
DN088009	*				3 = Match
DN089052	*				
DN136527	*			*	
DN223092	*				
DN223873	*				
DN489151	*			*	

AIR TO SURFACE MIS:	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DA0Q4521	*				
DF108520			*		3 = R
DF108980			*		1 = MR
DF109240	*				6 = NR
DF109340	*				0 = Match
DF109600		*			
DF109710			*		
DF110020			*		
DF111170			*		
DF111640			*		

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APPENDIX I (cont)

FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

AIR FILTERS	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DF103300			*		
DF107560			*		0 = R
DF108330			*		1 = MR
DF115120			*		9 = NR
DF119580			*		0 = Match
DF301320		*			
DN220112			*		
DN678752			*		
DN713011			*		
DAOB0758			*		

F-15	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DF106240		*			
DF110240		*			5 = R
DF110380	*				5 = MR
DF110980	*				0 = NR
DF111130		*			0 = Match
DF111150		*			
DF111480		*			
DF111610	*				
DF111960	*				
DF112020	*				

RADAR CAMOUFLAGE	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DF101600	*				
DF110900	*				6 = R
DAOF4817		*			4 = MR
DAOG0236	*				0 = NR
DAOG0268	*				1 = Match
DAOG2484		*			
DAOG4757	*				
DAOG4795		*			
DAOG5166	*			*	
DAOG9130		*			

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APPENDIX (cont)

FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

CHROMATOGRAPHIC AN:	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DN880254	*				
DAOA6949	*				7 = R
DAOA7323	*			*	3 = MR
DAOB6242	*				0 = NR
DAOB6536		*			1 = Match
DAOB6937	*				
DAOC7456		*			
DAOD9417	*				
DAOE6313		*			
DAOF0088	*				

FUEL CONSUMPTION	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DAOD3220	*			*	
DAOD3999	*			*	9 = R
DAOD4101	*				1 = MR
DAOD4106	*			*	0 = NR
DAOE3812	*			*	4 = Match
DAOE3861	*				
DAOG0501	*				
DAOG1072		*			
DAOG3120	*				
DAOG3375	*				

ARMY AIRCRAFT	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DAOA4996	*				
DAOB0719	*			*	9 = R
DAOB4016	*			*	1 = MR
DAOB6893	*				0 = NR
DAOC2685	*				6 = Match
DAOC3427	*				
DAOC3431		*		*	
DAOC3439	*			*	
DAOC4009	*			*	
DAOC6130	*			*	

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APPENDIX I (cont)

FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

NAVAL PERSONNEL	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DA0J4338	*			*	
DN023002	*				10 = R
DN023238	*			*	0 = MR
DN023256	*			*	0 = NR
DN063002	*			*	8 = Match
DN075040	*			*	
DN075096	*			*	
DN075244	*			*	
DN075338	*			*	
DN075376	*				

AUTOMATIC WEAPONS	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DA0B0700	*				
DA0B0701	*				9 = R
DA0B0714	*				1 = MR
DA0B0715	*				0 = NR
DA0D4922		*			0 = Match
DA0F1403	*				
DA0G0297	*				
DA0G2427	*				
DA0G5025	*				
DA0G6104	*				

PACKET SWITCHING	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DA0G0858	*				
DA0G8985			*		5 = R
DA0G9169	*			*	4 = MR
DF051570	*				1 = NR
DF057420		*			1 = Match
DF721300		*			
DF724110		*			
DF917470		*			
DN080028	*				
DN680068	*				

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APPENDIX I (cont)

FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

SOLAR DISTURBANCES	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DF046410	*				
DF047370	*				7 = R
DF053380		*			2 = MR
DF053770	*				1 = NR
DF247950	*			*	3 = Match
DF248790	*				
DF248840	*			*	
DF249000	*			*	
DF249260			*		
DF249650		*			

SULFURIC ACID	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DAOE9105		*		*	
DAOE9204		*			0 = R
DAOG0939		*		*	9 = MR
DAOG4209		*			1 = NR
DAOG9065		*			2 = Match
DAOG9095		*			
DA0J7577		*			
DA0Q7892			*		
DF043420		*			
DF180490		*			

AERODYNAMIC CONFIG:	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DF051110	*				
DF057210	*				10 = R
DF120720	*				0 = MR
DF138610	*			*	0 = NR
DF139410	*			*	4 = Match
DF139830	*				
DF139870	*				
DF140010	*			*	
DF143410	*				
DF143520	*			*	

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FREE TEXT RELEVANCE

RESURPINE	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DAOA6427		*			
DAOA7032	*			*	8 = R
DAOA9547	*				2 = MR
DAOE0086		*			0 = NR
DAOG6951	*				3 = Match
DF005720	*				
DF007420	*			*	
DF384905	*				
DF386717	*			*	
DF388520	*				

TWO DIMENSIONAL FL:	R	MR	NR	MATCH	COMMENTS
DAOC5002		*			
DAOC5004		*			0 = R
DAOD3235		*			5 = MR
DAOD3261			*		5 = NR
DAOD3999		*			1 = Match
DAOD8613			*		
DAOD9443			*		
DAOE9013		*			
DAOE9022			*	*	
DAOE9040			*		

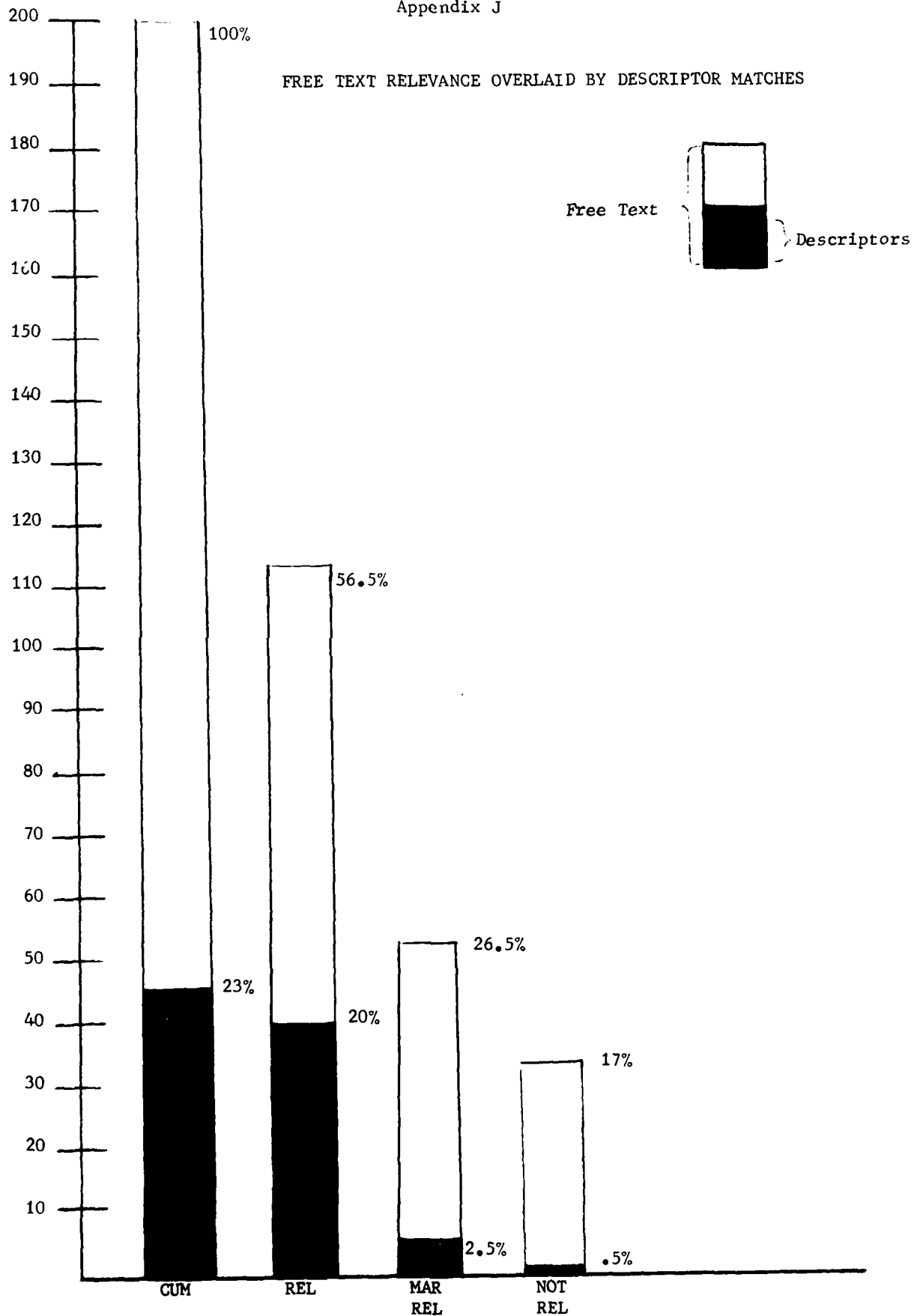
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